

***ISTEP+:* Grade 6 English/Language Arts Blueprint**

There are seven Indiana Standards for English/Language Arts. Standards 1-6 are assessed on ISTEP+; Standard 7 - Listening and Speaking is assessed in the classroom.

Standard Assessed	Description	Percent Range *
1 – READING: Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development	Questions may include determining the meaning of new words in context; identifying and interpreting figurative language; and recognizing the origins and meanings of frequently used foreign words in English.	10-20%
2 – READING: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Questions may include comparing and contrasting the format and structure of informational text; connecting and clarifying main ideas across texts; and evaluating an author’s argument and conclusions, using supporting textual evidence.	15-25%
3 – READING: Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text	Questions may include evaluating character and setting as each relates to the plot; conflict and resolution; identifying and analyzing speaker, point of view and theme; and identifying common literary devices.	15-25%
4 – WRITING: Process and Features	Questions may include evaluating and revising writing for clarity, meaning, and organization.	5-15%
5 – WRITING: Applications	Questions may include writing persuasive, narrative, descriptive, and expository compositions that are organized, focused, well-developed and supported; identifying varied word choice to make writing interesting; and evaluating summaries that contain the main idea of a text.	13-23%
6 – WRITING: English Language Conventions	Questions may include identifying correct grade-level grammar, spelling, punctuation and capitalization; demonstrating knowledge of complex sentence construction; and producing legible work that shows accurate use of Standard English conventions.	12-22%

* This range represents the approximate emphasis for each reporting category on the assessment.